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Mr. John D. Gibson  
Assistant Staff Director  
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Washington, DC 20463

Re: Friends of Jim Inhofe Committee  
ID # C00207996  
Year-end Report (07/01/00 - 12/31/00)

Dear Mr. Gibson,

This letter is in response to your inquiry dated June 28, 2001 requesting additional information to the Committee's response letter dated June 13, 2001.

As stated in our original response, it is the Committee's policy to follow the following steps when a contributor does not provide all of the required information:

1. Where complete information is not received from a contributor, the Committee sends an "Information Request" form letter to the contributor asking for the additional information. **It is the policy of the Committee to request this information within 30 days from the receipt of the contribution.**
2. As additional information is received from contributors, the Committee updates its records to reflect the additional information.

The Committee has occasionally not been in conformance with the 30 day timeframe, due to understaffing, employee turnover, but, most frequently, computer software problems. In addressing the first two problem areas, the Committee has recently added additional staff to ensure that adequate personnel is available to timely comply with the requirements of the FEC.

The software issue appears to be much more serious. For instance, during the month of April, 2001, our software program "Aristotle" conveniently lost approximately three weeks of data and we were not able to successfully restore the information from our normal backup procedures. Consequently, we were forced to manually reenter all data from that time period, a process which required significant time, resulting in the Committee falling behind on all other activities. As mentioned in our previous letter, we have had serious problems with "Aristotle", to the point where we are questioning whether we can rely on it to enable the Committee to be in compliance

Friends of Jim Inhofe Committee

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